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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Project Director

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SUBJECT : Possible Use of [REDACTED] as the
Electronic Test Site

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1. A review of the Los Angeles Sectional Aeronautical Chart (Att. 1) indicates that [REDACTED] would fulfill practically all factors listed in Technical Memorandum No. L-4, prepared by [REDACTED] (Att. 2). Not known at this time is the isolation factor at [REDACTED] from other communication systems. The corporation also preferred a relatively inactive base; I believe [REDACTED] would fulfill this requirement although there are other corporations physically located there.

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2. The main objections encountered are:

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a. [REDACTED] advises that none of the personnel actively engaged at the radar site have been cleared or briefed on the U-2. He advises that it has been seen by them only at flight altitude of 40,000 feet. In addition he feels that location of the radar trailers jointly with the rest of the unit would tend to provide compromise. This is not considered insurmountable, however, as the personnel, most of whom presently have "Q" clearance, could be cleared and briefed and a plausible cover established for the radar.

b. Living space might present a problem. Information received this date from [REDACTED] lists 96 personnel necessary for the R & D program. This figure is double the number given [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]. Other information received this date stated that Lockheed now wants their personnel to live at or near [REDACTED].

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3. It is recommended that:

a. Determination be made if [REDACTED] would be suitable for this testing.

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b. Availability of housing at [REDACTED] for the required number of people be determined.

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c. If a and b are found to be affirmative, [REDACTED] be utilized to effect a considerable monetary saving.

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1 - JAG

2 - RMB

3 - RLP

4 - R/80

5 - R/SO/Chron.

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